

Our Own Church.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WINNIPEG.—This congregation has recently been greatly blessed in connection with a series of special services. Last month, seventy names were added to the roll, fifty of whom were on profession of faith.

COLLEGE CLOSINGS.—The present session of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and of Knox College, Toronto, closes on the sixth of April, when most of the students will go into the mission fields of the church for the summer months.

REV. JOS. ANNAND.—This devoted missionary and his wife sailed from San Francisco last month, on their return to the New Hebrides. They met with many friends and very great kindness in San Francisco, where their stay was unexpectedly prolonged, because of delay of the mails.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Croil, managing Editor of the RECORD, spent the month of February in Italy. His last letter was written from the Bay of Naples, on 25th February. He purposed leaving Italy in a few days, returning to Scotland *via* Switzerland and France. His Italian experiences will be given to our readers in subsequent issues of the RECORD.

NEW HEBRIDES.—Recent letters report our missionaries and families all well and the Lord's work prospering in their hands. The attitude of the French towards the New Hebrides is still most unsatisfactory and ominous of evil. The government gives renewed assurances to the British Government, and all seems for the moment safe. But actions seem to belie promises; and among the latest items of news, is the announcement that 25 French families are being sent out to the New Hebrides to found a colony! The Australians still watch the French with eager vigilance.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS.—We have received the Annual Report of a large number of congregations, to which space prevents our referring at length in this number. The fact is very strikingly brought out by a perusal of these reports, viz., how much the success of a congregation's contributions to the schemes of the church depends on the minister. If he is warmly interested in these, and if he sets the example of liberal giving for their support, the congregation

soon catch his spirit and follow his example by devising liberal things. Here is an illustration—exceptional, it is true, yet not an imaginary case. Mr. — is for years pastor of a charge whose givings for missions are very trifling. He accepts a call to a congregation that enjoys a good reputation for very liberal contributions to the schemes of the church. Within two years the givings of that congregation have fallen to less than a third of what they formerly were; whereas the church this pastor left, has, under a minister of true missionary spirit, increased its contributions to the schemes nearly fourfold.

CALIA.—Mr. Isaac Baird, to Economy, *Truro*. Mr. John L. George, to St. James Church, Dartmouth, *Halifax*. Mr. J. M. MacAlister of Ashton, to Iroquois, *Brockville*. Mr. G. Whillans, to N. Georgetown, *Montreal*. Mr. Jos. Johnstone, to Hornby and Omagh, *Toronto*. Mr. M. Leod, to North Bruce, &c., *Bruce*. Mr. D. Currie, B.D., of Three Rivers, to Glencoe and also to Wallacetown, *London*. Mr. R. H. Abraham, to Niagara, *Hamilton*. Mr. T. H. Patchell to Wellandport, &c., *Hamilton*.

ORDINATION.—Mr. Jos. Johnstone, March 15th, and inducted same date to Hornby and Omagh, *Toronto*.

INDUCTIONS.—Mr. W. C. Calder, March 15th, Woodstock, *St. John*. Mr. Jas. Ross, March 16th, South Richmond, *St. John*.

DEMISSION.—Mr. J. Pullar, March 1st, Morewood, *Brockville*. Mr. J. Crombie, March 13th, Union Church, Smith's Falls, *Lanark and Renfrew*. Mr. D. Wardrope, March 5th, Westminster Church, Teeswater, *Bruce*.

NEW CHURCH.—In Dunbarton, *Whitby*, a new brick church seating 300, was opened on 6th Feb., by Rev. Prof. McLaren of Knox College, Toronto. The church cost upward of \$5,000, and with the exception of \$600 is free from debt.

DEATHS.—Elder Peter McMartin died at St. Andrew's Q., on 30th Jany., at the age of 88 years. He was a native of the Bay of Chaleur, and came with his father's family, in early youth, to St. Andrew's. He was converted during a revival, after which he joined the communion of the church, and was in 1836 ordained to the eldership, continuing in office till his death, a period of over fifty years. He was faithful to the Presbyterian cause in days when it had to contend against much. Of genuine and unostentatious piety, he was remarkable for the regularity and the punctuality of his attendance at church and Sabbath-school, walking many a time over bad roads, nearly three miles, to teach his class, even when he was an old man. He took much interest in the work of the church at large, being a constant reader of the "RECORD." He took great delight, in former days, in attending the Synod,